[English]

Expansion and Modernisation of paper Mills

988. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernisation and expansion programmes planned by some paper mills to enhance the industrial capacity have become uncertain due to current restrictions on capital goods imports;

(b) if so, the main reasons for putting the restrictions;

(c) whether the government are considering to assist these units in the matter; and if so, the details hereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN):(a) No proposal for modernisation and expansion of paper mills is pending with the Government due to the current policy on capital goods imports.

(b) to (d). does not arise.

Panel to Review cost Escalation of Large Scale Projects

989. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minster of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a Committee to review mega and major projects that are behind schedule and are registering steep cost escalation as reported in the Economic Times dated October 10, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the panel has been asked to review the flash reports on mega and major projects; if so, the details of instructions given in this regard;

(d) whether this panel has submitted any report to the Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) how many projects have registered cost escalation according to the latest review; and

(g) what remedial measures have been suggested by the panel in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (g). Does not arise. However, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Finance Secretary with the Secretaries Deptt. of Expenditure, Deptt. of Programme Implementation, the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments as members, has been constituted to review the cases of time and cost overruns in respect of large projects, each costing Rs. 200 crores and above.

Kellogg Company's Projects in India

990. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Investment Promotion Board has cleared the proposal of the world's leading food processing firm, Kellogg Company of the U.S.A. for setting up various projects in India;

(b) if so, the places where this company will set up its projects in India;

(c) whether any agreement has been signed and finalised with the said company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d). The Reserve Bank of India has approved the proposal of M/s.Kellogg Company of the USA to enter into financial-cum-technical collaboration with a new undertaking M/s. Kellogg India Limited, under automatic approval scheme, for setting up food processing unit at Taloja, Tehsil Panvel, district Raigarh, Maharashtra for manufacture of cereal products. The new undertaking will have 51% foreign equity and the remaining equity will be offered to Indian public.

[*Translation*]

Tube-wells in Orissa with world Bank Assistance

991. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of the tube-wells installed in Orissa with the assistance of World Bank during the last three years;

(b) the number of tube-wells out of them which are functioning and those which are out of order separately;

(c) the time by which these non-operative tube-wells are proposed to be made operational; and

(d) the number of tube-wells likely to be installed in Orissa during 1991-92 with the assistance of World Bank?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEELOPMENT(SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) There is no ongoing World Bank assisted Scheme for drinking water supply in Orissa.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Tube-Wells in Gujarat with World Bank Assistance

992. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tube-wells installed in Gujarat during the last two years with the assistance of World Bank;

(b) the number of tube-wells out of them functioning and those which are not functioning;

(c) the time by which these non-operative tube-wells are likely to be made operational; and

(d) the number of tubewells likely to be installed in the State during 1991-92 with the assistance of World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI UTTAMBHAIH. PATEL): (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the State Government of Gujarat and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Water supply Scheme in Gujarat with World Bank Assistance

993. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any water supply scheme is in operation in Surat and Vadodra in Gujarat with the assistance of World Bank or any other international agency;